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TWO CENTS.

MANY KILLED IN DUBLIN STREETS

Over 100 Casualties, and the Firing Continues from Rioters Hidden in Houses or Behind Barricades — Many Civilians Among Victims — Germans Have Been Landing Arms

LONDON, April 29.—Upwards of 100 persons have been killed or injured in Dublin a correspondent at Belfast of the Evening News reports in a despatch filed last night.

He says the rioters, hidden in houses, commanding important street junctions or covered by barricades in the streets, are keeping up a constant firing. The list of casualties continues to lengthen. It includes many civilians, who, the correspondent says, have been picked off by Sinn Fein snipers for no other reason than that they were believed to be loyal. The cordons of troops are being drawn gradually around the rebel stronghold. The authorities are carrying on their difficult task with the greatest forbearance. Every effort is being made to avoid unnecessary bloodshed and damage.

LONDON, April 29.—In an interview published here today a leader of the Sinn Feiners in Cork, says: "We planned to rise simultaneously with our Dublin comrades, but something went wrong with the arrangements. We might have been in possession of the postoffice but for the fact that the military was there first. No, I do not think we will rise here, but if they come to demand our arms we shall shoot them. When the news of the Dublin rising came here Tuesday, we all retired to the barracks, loaded rifles and prepared for anything. The bishop of Cork and the lord mayor came to the barracks at midnight and implored us to lay down our arms and not to resort to physical force. We refused absolutely."

LONDON, April 28.—The thing that

First Baptist Church

Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Minister.



Sunday Services.

10:30 a. m.—Sermon subject, The Government of Our Life.
11:45 a. m.—Bible school.
3:45 p. m.—Junior Christian Endeavor.
7:30 p. m.—Some Facts of the Resurrection. Alexander hymns, chorus choir, Dugan's orchestra. All seats free.

Centre Congregational Church

Sunday Services.

10:30 a. m.—Divine worship. Subject, The Good Fight of Faith and the Life Eternal.
11:45 a. m.—Session of the Sunday school.
3:30 p. m.—Junior Endeavor society. Subject, The Trip Around the World with Jack and Janet, continued by Margaret Rice.
7:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor meeting in the chapel. Subject, Using Sunday for This World and the Next. Leader, Miss Margaret Mellen.

Any woman who has not handed in her thank offering may place it on the collection plate tomorrow or the following Sunday.

Unitarian Church

Unitarian Literature Free.—Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

VERDUN DRIVE IS ABOUT OVER

Germans Gradually Shifting Their Heavy Guns to Other Points

BRITISH MAY FEEL FORCE OF NEXT BLOW

Heavy Bombardment in Belgium and Northern France Thought to Be in Nature of Feeling-Out Process — Russia Not Ready for Offensive.

In the Verdun region in France the Germans have resumed a pronounced aggressive but without success, according to the French official statement. The notable series of attacks by the Germans on the British lines in northern France and Belgium, reported Thursday night by London, seems to have been something in the nature of a feeling-out process, as it was not immediately followed up. Mine explosions and aerial action are the only activities reported from the British section of the front.

From the front in Russia and Galicia little activity of a pronounced sort is reported, such infantry movements as have occurred being isolated affairs. There is no sign that either the Teuton or the Russian side is ready to institute a general offensive as yet.

PARIS, April 29.—The battle of Verdun may now be considered as ended, according to the opinion prevailing in French military circles. Not only the recent French official report but yesterday's German announcement stated that nothing important had developed in the Verdun region. It is nearly two months since the German war office has made such a statement. Heavy German batteries in considerable number have been withdrawn from before Verdun and sent to a distant point which, judging from increasing activity there, is the portion of the line held by the British.

It is expected that Germany gradually will reduce the frequency and intensity of their bombardments and infantry attacks on the Verdun front until normal conditions of trench warfare have been restored.

GERMANS REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES

Unsuccessful in Vigorous Attack on Trenches — Artillery Prevents One Assault.

PARIS, April 29.—After a violent bombardment of trench positions near Avocourt and Hill No. 304 on the Verdun front west of the Meuse German troops were massed for an assault. The war office report of this afternoon says this attack was prevented by the French artillery, which dispersed the German troops. A vigorous attack was made on trenches east of Thiaumont farm, but the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses.

URGES BRYAN PLAN.

Sherwood Proposes Treaty Method in Solving Diplomatic Problems.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—As a solution of the pending diplomatic problems between the United States and foreign Powers, Representative Sherwood of Ohio in a resolution introduced yesterday proposed that congress adopt the method of settlement presented by William J. Bryan in the peace treaties he negotiated with other nations while he was secretary of state.

The resolution, after an explanation of the provisions of the Bryan treaties for the submission of controversies to an international commission for investigation and report within a year, adds that "the same and humane method of settling disputes between governments set out in the treaties should be employed in the adjustment of any and all serious controversies between the government of the United States and any other government."

Mr. Sherwood called attention to the existence of eighteen treaties which pledge the United States and other governments to the Bryan plan of delay for a year before taking hostile steps and that similar instruments have been approved by nine European governments.

APOLOGIZE FOR AVIATOR.

Germany Tried Flyer Who Violated Swiss Territory.

BERNE, via Paris, April 29.—The German minister by special instructions of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg has called at the Swiss state department and expressed deepest regret for violation of Swiss territory by a German aeroplane on Wednesday. The minister stated that the aviator had been dismissed from the aviation corps and that all flying in the region adjacent to the frontier had been forbidden.

An average man breathes about 21 cubic feet of air into his lungs every hour.

MCGRAW SAVES BOY FROM DROWNING

Heroic Act by Man Who Dismantled Old Brattleboro House—Lad Was Being Carried Toward Dam.

Edward P. McGraw of North Adams, Mass., one of the contractors who dismantled the old Brattleboro House and became acquainted with numerous Brattleboro persons while in town, saved a boy from drowning in Fitchburg Thursday. The North Adams Herald tells the story as follows:

"Edward P. McGraw, for some years superintendent of water works in this city, and one of the best known and popular citizens, covered himself with glory in Fitchburg yesterday, saving the life of a drowning boy, while scores of people looked on as the lad was being borne over a dam, and to what was apparently certain death. 'Mr. McGraw is in Fitchburg for the purpose of dismantling a building, recently purchased by his company, and was working about the place when a cry of horror went up from a number of people some little distance away. Looking, the North Adams man saw a young lad struggling in the water. He was being carried by the swift current toward a dam some distance below, and Mr. McGraw, as well as others saw that if he once went over the high dam chances of saving his life would be few.

"Seeing that those nearer the boy would make no attempt to save him from the cold and treacherous water, Mr. McGraw dropped his tools, and started on a run toward where the boy must pass. He discarded a portion of his clothing as he ran, but was unable to get off a great deal, for quick action was necessary.

"Plunging over a 20-foot embankment Mr. McGraw struck the water just below the youngster, who by this time was unable to help himself in any way, and swimming out to him he was able to grasp him by the hair as he shot past. It was a terrific struggle to pull the boy to land because of the current, but Mr. McGraw, North Adams man finally reached a point where assistance could be given him, and the two were pulled ashore. It was a narrow call for both, as Mr. McGraw was absolutely exhausted when he reached land."

CONFEREES AT ODDS ON 250,000 ARMY BILL

Fear So Many Cannot Be Enlisted with the Present Rate of Pay — Outlook Not Promising.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Conferees on the army bill have been deadlocked over the proposed increase of the regular army to 250,000.

The failure to respond to the government's invitation to enlist under the authorization by congress of an increase of the regular army to its full legal strength, was cited as an argument that it is futile to try to raise an army up to 250,000 under present conditions. This was pointed out by Senator Hughes at the time the senate adopted the amendment to the army bill in the senate and Senator Hughes, who voted for the increase, said it would be of no avail unless congress raised the pay of the enlisted men. The senator offered an amendment to raise the pay to \$25 a month, but it failed.

The house conferees have stood out against his proposed increase and say that if congress authorizes an army of 250,000 the strength will be a paper strength simply and the recruiting under present conditions will never succeed.

The senate conferees have argued that the amendments made by the senate in the bill providing for vocational training and the shortening of the term of enlistment with the inducements offered for reenlistment will stimulate interest in joining the army.

The outlook for an early agreement on the bill in conference is far from promising.

MORTGAGE FOR \$14,000,000.

New England Power Co.'s Document One of the Largest on Record.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., April 29.—One of the largest mortgages filed in the registry of deeds in the history of Hampden county was placed on record yesterday. It was for \$14,000,000, given by the New England power company to the New England trust company, and was a first mortgage to secure first mortgage 5 per cent gold bonds. The property secured includes the power company's waterpower properties along the Deerfield river, The Monroe Bridge, Scott's Bridge and Shelburne Falls properties are specified. The terms of the mortgage are set out in a huge book.

VICTORY FOR FULTON.

Heavyweight Challenger Finds Al Reich Easy.

Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., scored a technical knockout over Al Reich of New York in that city last night, the referee stopping the match after one minute of the ninth round had expired. Fulton fought his opponent throughout the bout, and when Referee Brown halted the fighters, Reich was tottering helplessly, unable to defend himself. Fulton weighed 217 pounds and Reich 214½.

THE WEATHER.

Probably Fair Tonight and Sunday—Warmer in Interior.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The weather forecast: Probably fair to night and Sunday. Warmer in the interior tonight and Eastern Maine on Sunday. Moderate variable winds.

MORE BANDITS ARE DISPERSED

U. S. Cavalrymen Return to Base After Pursuit Lasting Six Days

MANY VILLISTAS BELIEVE CHIEF DEAD

Points Along American Line of Communication Are Being Strongly Reinforced Both by Cavalry and Infantry—Detachments Leave Base.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, Naniaguap, April 28, wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 29.—The column of American cavalry under Col. Dodd, which for six days has been pursuing a large band of Villa bandits under four different chiefs through rocky defiles, was reported today to have returned to its base at Minaca. The bandit band is said to be practically all dispersed, number of its members apparently holding to the belief that Villa is dead.

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 29.—Points along the American line of communication in Mexico are being strongly reinforced by men of both the infantry and cavalry arms. Two companies of infantry marched from the base here early today preparatory to crossing the border, while over 1,000 cavalrymen who left Columbus previously were also said to be on their way to Mexican territory.

DANGER OF BLOOD POISONING PASSED

Dr. E. R. Lynch Sees No Reason Why Albert Vernott, Who Was Stabbed by Geugonis, Will Not Recover.

Dr. E. R. Lynch said this morning that there appeared to be no reason why Albert G. Vernott, who was stabbed Tuesday morning by Frank Geugonis, would not recover. The surgeon says that danger of blood poisoning, which he feared, has passed and that unless something unforeseen develops Vernott will recover.

U. S. MOVES ITS GOLD INLAND.

Half Its Treasure Is Sent to Denver, Owing to War Scare.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The nearly one-half of all the gold the United States owns is stored in Denver vaults. Heretofore the New York treasury vaults have held the bulk of the bullion, with San Francisco as the next largest repository.

Accumulation of the nation's gold at Denver, according to treasury department officials, has been going on for some weeks. They admitted the recent critical international situation might have had something to do with it.

Because officials did not want the fact that Denver is being made the largest repository to leak out no additional guards it is understood, have been placed at the mountain city.

There was \$438,473,286 in gold at Denver on April 1. More has been added. The nation's total gold stock is put at \$2,816,948,420.

AUTO TURNED OVER.

Chief Gladding of Barre Fire Department Seriously Injured.

BARRE, April 29.—Chief C. B. Gladding of the fire department suffered a compound fracture of one leg and scalp abrasions and Game Warden Charles Kieth was severely bruised when the automobile in which they were riding turned over on South Main street yesterday afternoon. The accident happened near a railroad crossing and at a rough place in the road. It is believed that Mr. Kieth lost control of the steering gear. Chief Gladding was hurried to the City hospital where the fracture was reduced. Physicians were unable to say whether he had sustained internal injuries. Mr. Kieth's injuries are not serious.

CAPT. PRESTON S. CHAMBERLIN.

Civil War Veteran and ex-Representative from Bradford.

Captain Preston S. Chamberlin of Bradford, who died at that town Thursday in his 84th year, was a veteran of the Civil war, having entered the service as first sergeant of Company D, First Vermont Volunteers, on the first call in 1861. He afterwards went out as captain of Company H, 12th Vermont Volunteers.

He was born in Newbury on Nov. 28, 1832, and married Hannah S. Chase at Bradford on Jan. 17, 1856. The 60th anniversary of their marriage was celebrated at Bradford last January.

Captain Chamberlin had served the town of Bradford in several official capacities, representing it in the legislature in the session of 1890. He had been commander of the Grand Army post in Bradford. He is survived by Mrs. Chamberlin and by Mrs. George Grant and Miss Edith J. Chamberlin.

French scientists have found that newly fallen snow is highly radioactive.

VERDICT DIRECTED FOR DEFENDANT

Anderson Tool Co. Loses Suit Against Eels Estate—Lynde Alienation Suit Begins Monday.

The jury in the case of the Anderson Tool Co. of Anderson, Ind., against the estate of George A. Eels of Brattleboro, Charles A. Boyden, executor, appellant, returned yesterday afternoon a verdict for the defendant to recover costs as directed by the court. The defendant did not put in any evidence but moved that the judge direct a verdict for the defendant, which was done. The suit was brought to recover the value of a set of scales sold by the late George A. Eels on a judgment obtained from A. H. Baker, proprietor of a grocery store at the corner of Canal and South Main streets in property owned by Mr. Eels. The tool company claimed that the scales, the note, the note had not been recorded, but the company claimed that Mr. Eels had knowledge of the note.

After the plaintiff had put in evidence and rested F. E. Barber of counsel for the defendant moved for a verdict for the defendant on the ground that it had not been shown that Mr. Eels ever received notice of the lien and that the action, being in assumption, must show that he received cash for the scales and that the action should have been a trover action. W. R. Daley and W. D. Smith appeared for the company.

The court today took a recess until Monday afternoon, when the alienation suit of Charles H. Lynde of Guilford against Merton A. Doolittle will be started. This is an action in tort in which Gibson & Daley and Chase & Chase appear for the plaintiff and F. E. Barber for the defendant.

The plaintiff is the husband of Harriet Lynde, who was at one time housekeeper for Doolittle. He asks damages of \$10,000, alleging the alienation of the affections of his wife. Letters which were introduced in the suit of Miss Ethel E. Cutler against Doolittle for alleged breach of promise to marry and for the value of her services as housekeeper are said to be the basis of the suit by Mr. Lynde. He identified certain letters in that case as having been written by his wife.

HELD UNDER WATER BY SUNKEN LOG

W. M. Sparks of Townshend Has Brief but Strenuous Experience While Crossing Mill Brook.

(Special to The Reformer.) TOWNSHEND, Vt., April 29. Pinned down by a log in the cold and turbulent waters of Mill brook, Deputy Sheriff W. M. Sparks passed several uncomfortable seconds yesterday afternoon while his only companion, not realizing the gravity of the situation, indulged in levity upon the bank.

Mr. Sparks and R. L. Fitch, plumber, were crossing the brook below the village in order to start the water in the pipes for the fountain in the center of the village park when Mr. Sparks slipped and fell suddenly backward, the water covering him till nothing but his nose remained above the flood. The force of the current caught his feet under a sunken log so that strenuous effort was needed on his part before he could stand upright again.

The water was three feet deep at that point, and Mr. Sparks considers that he was fortunate in avoiding more serious consequences.

RALPH C. ROOT WINS HIGHEST HONORS

Will Be Valedictorian at College of Pharmacy—Passes Examinations for Full Registration.

Ralph C. Root of Brattleboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Root, who is a student in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, has just passed the examinations for full registration before the Massachusetts state board of pharmacy in the state house in Boston. Mr. Root will graduate this year from the college and will return next year to take a post-graduate course.

Mr. Root received the highest honor in his class of about 100 and was named as valedictorian. He will give a paper at the commencement exercises, which begin May 18, and his parents and sister, Miss Margaret Root, will attend the graduation. Mr. Root is a graduate of the Brattleboro high school, class of 1914, and was one of the Austin prize winners.

DENIES PHELPS'S CHARGE.

Utley Claims an Alibi at Time of the Alleged Meeting.

MONTEPELIER, April 29.—Charles Utley, defendant in the \$10,000 alienation suit brought by Frank C. Phelps, a Cabot farmer, made a general denial on the witness stand yesterday of the plaintiff's allegations.

He put on witnesses to show that on days it was claimed he had "dates" with Mrs. Phelps he was miles away, his evidence being a St. Johnsbury hotel register, receipts for tax and other bills paid in other towns, trainmen and citizens of Hardwick, Woodbury and Greensboro, with whom he transacted business.

Six citizens of Hardwick testified that A. D. Kimball, a Hardwick attorney, who was first interviewed by Mr. Phelps regarding the case, has a reputation in Hardwick and vicinity "below par." Seven lawyers are engaged on both sides.

PASSING OF PRATT STORE

Remnant of Goods Disposed of by Auction to New York Concern

FIXTURES GO AT BIG SACRIFICE

Several Jewish Dealers from New York Attended Sale, Conducted by G. W. Groves & Co. — Woolworth Co. Will Open Store Soon.

The last of the drygoods in the O. J. Pratt store were shipped today to New York city to be disposed of, which marked the passing of one of the oldest and best-known stores in Brattleboro.

For two weeks G. W. Groves & Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., conducted a commission sale of the stock to local patrons, the store being crowded some of the time, and yesterday an auction sale of what remained was conducted for retailers.

Jewish dealers from New York city were the principal out-of-town persons present, and a few local merchants attended. The goods were first sold separately in six lots and then all together. The latter method brought the highest price, \$700, and at that figure they were sold to Mark Wooster, manager of an automobile concern. Local merchants considered that this was a fair price.

In an incredibly short time the goods were packed into 14 cases for shipment to Charles Shingood's auction rooms in New York.

The fixtures had not been advertised and were sold at a great sacrifice, bringing only \$60.50, which was several hundred dollars less than their real value.

As an instance of this may be cited the price paid for the counters and shelves. There were about 120 running feet of counters with wide black walnut tops, and these and the shelves were bid off by Houghton & Simonds for \$8. It would cost around \$4 a foot to make similar counters. Some of these counters probably will be used in the basement of Houghton & Simonds' new building, to be erected on the Hooker lot at the corner of Main and High streets.

Other fixtures sold correspondingly low, and the desk at which the late O. J. Pratt worked 50 years or more went for \$1.

The F. W. Woolworth Co. of New York, which recently bought the real estate, will begin very shortly the work of fixing up the place for a Woolworth 5 and 10 cent store.

CREDITORS ACCEPT OFFER OF 25 CENTS

Hearing Today Before Referee Gale in Michelman Bankruptcy Case—Only Two Decline Offer.

There was a hearing this morning in the office of the county clerk before John E. Gale, referee in bankruptcy, for the purpose of having creditors of Barney S. Michelman, an alleged bankrupt, pass upon the compromise offer of Mr. Michelman to pay unsecured creditors 25 cents on the dollar.

Of the 45 creditors who proved their claims all but two accepted the offer. The final compilation of the list of creditors and their claims together with their attitude towards the offer had not been made today. Among the creditors are members of the family of H. S. Michelman, all of whom filed waivers of their claims against the concern.

C. M. Miller represented Mr. Michelman and Jacob Wasserman of the law firm of Horblit & Wasserman of Boston appeared for the creditors who petitioned Mr. Michelman into involuntary bankruptcy.

E. E. Barber, O. B. Hughes and E. J. Waterman appeared for creditors.

E. H. PHELPS DEAD.

Ex-Representative of Fair Haven and Trustee of Middlebury.

FAIR HAVEN, April 29.—Hon. Erastus H. Phelps, trustee of Middlebury college died Thursday evening in his home here.

He was born in Ticonderoga, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1839. He taught school for a time and then served three years in the Army. He was admitted to the bar in 1871.

For 20 years he was cashier of the First National bank of Fair Haven. He was a member of the Vermont constitutional convention in 1871 and of the legislature in 1896. He was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity.

He is survived by a wife and a son, Philip M., a lawyer in Fair Haven.

EDWARD GONYER

Has been the new addition to our staff of experts.

In the best equipped Barber Shop in New England.

The Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop

5—EXPERT WORKMEN—5 Some Shine Artist Here.